

Amendments to the Specification

[0109] RNA was extracted from formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FPET) breast cancer biopsy specimens (Clinomics Biosciences Inc., Pittsfield, MA) as follows. Three 10 µm ~~µM~~ sections were cut and placed in a 1.5 ml tube. Paraffin was removed by xylene extraction (1ml, 3 times) followed by ethanol wash (1ml, twice). RNA was isolated from sectioned tissue blocks using the MasterPure™ Purification kit (Epicentre, Madison, WI). RNA was quantitated by the RiboGreen Fluorescence method (Molecular Probes). Twenty FPET RNA samples were then pooled and used as described below.